

# Master of Business in **Corporate Governance**

Postgraduate — Level 9

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“ We are pleased to welcome the new MBS in Corporate Governance qualification from South East Technological University to our validated postgraduate route. This is a master's qualification with a professional pathway to Graduate membership of the Institute, using the GradCG designation, because the content is mapped against the Chartered Governance Qualifying Programme. Students also benefit from being part of a university cohort, with lectures, seminars, and a research-led dissertation or project, alongside access to the Institute's knowledge, guidance and networking that can help them take their next step in governance. ”

**Linda Ford**  
CEO of CGIUKI



## Welcome from Head of Graduate Business

Our MBS in Corporate Governance aims to provide you with the opportunity to develop your knowledge base, experience innovative learning methods and enhance your independent learning and organisation skills. The programme will provide you with opportunities to share views and opinions from different perspectives. It will also contribute to developing your professional practice and enable you to contribute more effectively in real organisational contexts.

The programme incorporates a strong practical component both in supporting the delivery of knowledge and practice content in the area of corporate governance. It will also develop your capacity to master independent research, analysis and resolution of management issues. A key part of your success on this programme will be integrating and working with your fellow colleagues and the academic staff on the programme. You are encouraged to avail of every opportunity to get to know the people and participate in all the various seminars, workshops and activities.

We hope that you enjoy our postgraduate programme in corporate governance and that it provides you with the skills and resources to pursue your career goals.

**Professor Denis Harrington**

## Welcome from the Programme Director

Corporate governance plays a critical role in building organisational trust, ensuring accountability, and supporting long-term value creation. In today's environment of increasing regulation, complexity, and stakeholder expectation, effective governance capability is essential at board and senior management level.

The Master of Business in Corporate Governance at South East Technological University has been designed to address these contemporary challenges. The programme integrates governance theory with legal and regulatory frameworks, risk management, ethics, and strategic oversight, ensuring graduates develop both the technical knowledge and professional judgement required in governance-focused roles.

Learning is applied and practice-focused, with assessment centred on real organisational challenges rather than traditional examinations. Graduates also benefit from strong progression opportunities, including pathways to PhD or DBA study, supported by the Faculty of Business.

I look forward to welcoming you to a programme that combines academic rigour, professional relevance, and a clear commitment to ethical and effective governance.

**Dr Helen O'Keefe**

# PROGRAMME STRUCTURE

The Master of Business in Corporate Governance is a Level 9 postgraduate programme (90 ECTS) designed to develop advanced governance capability through a structured, progressive curriculum.

The programme is delivered over two academic years, with modules sequenced to build knowledge from core governance principles to advanced board-level practice and applied research.

## PROGRAMME FRAMEWORK YEAR 1

### FOUNDATIONS OF GOVERNANCE PRACTICE

Students develop a strong grounding in governance, law, compliance, and risk within organisational and regulatory contexts.

#### Indicative modules include:

- Corporate Governance Practice
- Company Law
- Corporate Compliance
- Risk Management.



## PROGRAMME FRAMEWORK YEAR 2

### STRATEGIC GOVERNANCE AND APPLICATION

The second year focuses on board effectiveness, strategic oversight, and applied research, enabling students to integrate learning into professional practice.

#### Indicative modules include:

- Board Practices
- Strategy Development and Implementation
- International Business and Politics
- Applied Research Methods
- Information Analysis.



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## Why Choose the SETU MBS in Corporate Governance?

### PROFESSIONAL RECOGNITION THAT SETS YOU APART

A defining feature of this programme is its professional recognition. The MBS in Corporate Governance has been developed in line with the competency framework of the Chartered Governance Institute UK & Ireland (CGIUKI).

On successful completion, graduates are eligible for Chartered Graduate (GradCG) status with CGIUKI.



This internationally recognised designation demonstrates to employers, boards, and regulators that you possess:

- A high standard of governance knowledge
- Strong professional and ethical judgement
- Credibility to operate in governance, compliance, risk, and company secretarial roles.

### FLEXIBLE DELIVERY DESIGNED FOR WORKING PROFESSIONALS

Delivered through a blended learning model, this programme combines weekly sessions and intensive blocks to support busy professionals.

- **Semesters 1, 2, 4 & 5**
  - One day per week (afternoon and evening), with blended delivery.
- **Semesters 3 & 6**
  - Five-day intensive blocks, primarily face-to-face.

This flexible structure enables you to balance study with work while maintaining academic rigour.

### STUDENT EXPERIENCE AT SETU

As a student at SETU's Faculty of Business, you will benefit from:

- Experienced academic staff with strong industry links
- A vibrant postgraduate learning community
- Close collaboration with employers and professional bodies
- Strong graduate employment outcomes
- Supportive learning environments when on SETU campus' and online.

### APPLIED, RELEVANT, AND CAREER- FOCUSED

Learning is grounded in real-world governance practice.

Students benefit from:

- Practice-based assessment aligned with organisational challenges
- Case studies across public, private, and not-for-profit sectors
- An emphasis on professional judgement, accountability, and decision-making.

This approach ensures graduates are workplace-ready and immediately effective.

## ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

The proposed minimum entry requirements for students to be accepted on the MBS in Corporate Governance are:

- a) Applicants must hold at least a Level 8 qualification in business/finance/economics/law.
- b) Applicants holding a non-business/finance/economics/law honours degree (level 8 award) or applicants without a level 8 qualification may qualify under Recognised Prior Learning (RPL) in accordance with SETU academic guidelines on RPL.
- c) International students must meet the SETU requirements for postgraduates in IELTS or equivalent. This programme resides in the Faculty of Business (this is important when determining the appropriate English language competency criteria to apply).

## FEES

Fees are reviewed annually and updated figures can be found at: [www.setu.ie/pgfees](http://www.setu.ie/pgfees)

## APPLICATIONS

Applications for this programme can be made online by visiting the programme page (Code SE43Y), on SETU website.

## DELIVERY

The programme is delivered using a blended learning model, allowing you to balance study with work and personal commitments.

This structure provides maximum flexibility without compromising academic rigour or peer engagement.

The programme allows multiple entry points, enabling students to enrol in Semester 1 or Semester 4.

		THEMES		
SEMESTER		Foundations of Governance Practice	Strategic Governance and Implementation	
1		Corporate Governance Practice		
		Company Law		
2		Corporate Compliance		
		Risk Management		
3				Applied Research Methods **
4				Financial Analysis
			Strategy Development and Implementation	
5			Board Practices	
6			Research Papers Series 2 International Business and Politics**	

\*\* The Applied Research Methods and Research Papers Series 2 International Business and Politics modules are scheduled for delivery annually in June and are offered in an intensive block format of one week's duration per module. Students may elect to complete both modules within the same semester. In such cases, attendance for two consecutive weeks of block delivery will be required.



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